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# Abingdon's outdoor pool prepares for the summer POOL GETS MAKEOVER

A TEAM of volunteers have begun work to spruce up Abingdon's outdoor pool, ahead of its opening for the summer season later this month.

The Friends of Abbey Meadow Outdoor Pool (FOAMOP) began painting the pool buildings on Tuesday, after Vale of White Horse District Council offered materials and supervision for the project.

The pool enjoyed a resurgence last year with visitor numbers up significantly on 2012, and is reopening on May 24.

Peter Harbour, a founding member of FOAMOP, said: "The Abbey Meadow Pool is one of six outdoor pools in Oxfordshire, and we want this to be one of the best."

"The council has agreed to this by providing the materials and health and safety coverage, so we're very pleased that we're going to be able to make a difference."

Caroline Bullock, vice-chairman of FOAMOP, added: "We are pleased to have been given the opportunity to set the scene

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for a wonderful summer at the Abbey Meadow pool."

Volunteers were joined by the newly-elected Abingdon mayor Angela Lawrence on Tuesday afternoon, who paid a visit to support their efforts.

She said: "It's great that the pool is going to be cleaned ready for another year."

"FOAMOP are a very busy, active group in saving the pool, as it has been under threat several times because of funding."

In February, district council leader Matthew Barber stated rumours that the outdoor pool could close this year were "definitely not the case".

The leisure management contract for the district, which covers the operation of Abingdon's outdoor pool, is currently out to tender.

It is hoped that a new contractor will be found later this year, ahead of the pool's 2015 season.



• Volunteers were joined at the outdoor pool by Abingdon mayor Angela Lawrence on Tuesday

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# Supporters' joy at stadium decision

HOPES are still high for Oxford United to own their own ground after an appeal to prevent the Kassam Stadium being listed as a community asset was quashed by a judge.

A second appeal from former U's chairman Firoz Kassam was rejected at a tribunal at Oxford Magistrates Court last month, it was revealed earlier this week.

OxVox, the independent supporters trust of Oxford United, had their bid to list the Grenoble Road stadium as a community asset approved by Oxford City Council last May.

Judge Nicholas Warren rejected Kassam's appeal, which deemed it inappropriate to designate the car park and the building as a community asset under the Localism Act 2011.

OxVox chairman Mark Sennett said: "Firoz have their reasons for doing it."

"We have spoken with them about it and absolutely understand their points of view and they understand ours."

Last year's approval was

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believed to be the first of its kind for a football stadium and allows OxVox six months to match any offers for the ground.

Mr Sennett continued: "We're obviously delighted with the outcome because the stadium is of great community value to the people of Oxfordshire and is the home of Oxford United."

"This means Oxford United fans have a seat at the table for the future of the stadium."

"But this is part of a wider journey and we are committed to the aspiration of reuniting Oxford United with a stadium."

"I've had positive conversations with Firoz Kassam and the football club about that."

Last month, Oxford United's fellow tenants London Welsh signed a new three-year agreement to continue playing rugby at the stadium.

Mr Sennett added: "I have met Bleddyn Phillips (London Welsh



• The Kassam Stadium in Grenoble Road

chairman) and they want to make an impact in Oxfordshire.

"But from our point of view the most important thing is Oxford United acquiring the stadium and that has no bearing on who any of the tenants are."

"The aim is to get Oxford United owning a stadium."

Oxford United have played at

the Kassam Stadium since 2001, when they moved from their old Manor Ground in Headington.

Mr Kassam was chairman of the club from 1999 to 2006 before selling it, but he kept ownership of the stadium.

Oxford United and London Welsh both declined to comment on the decision.

## County's hospital trust 'needs improving'

OXFORD University Hospitals NHS Trust has been rated 'good' by the Care Quality Commission, but it stated certain areas 'require improvement'.

The trust runs Headington's John Radcliffe Hospital, Church-

ill Hospital, and Nuffield Orthopaedic Centre and Banbury's Horton General Hospital.

The report published on Tuesday after an inspection in March criticised the accident and emergency departments for regularly

missing waiting time targets due to a lack of beds.

It also said operations are cancelled too often, and the outpatient department booking service is not good enough.

But it praised staff stating that

patients received compassionate care, and significant efforts had been made to improve the effective discharge of patients.

Healthwatch Oxfordshire said: "The report provides detail of a generally well run service highlighting the many innovative and professional services."

"It is however important to recognise there are points of criticism included in the report which will require attention."

"We welcome the strong evidence of the many areas of good practice outlined, and look forward to working with the Trust's management to ensure the patients using the hospitals are both heard and listened to."

## News Bites

### Top of table for Oxford

OXFORD University has the joint highest quality of staff and lectures, according to the results of the latest Times Higher Education (THE) Student Experience Survey.

Together with Cambridge University, Oxford came top of the poll, which asked students to rate their university experience.

Oxford dropped two places in the overall best student experience league table, falling from second to equal fourth with the University of Dundee.

### Road closed for six weeks

OXFORD: George Street is currently closed from Cornmarket to Victoria Court because of the installation of underground mains services.

Contractors ISG Construction Ltd are carrying out the work as part of a major refurbishment project.

The closure came into effect last Sunday and will last for four weeks, with a further six weeks of one-way working thereafter.

The western end of George Street will remain open, while temporary lights are controlling traffic at the junction with George Street, Worcester Street and Hythe Bridge Street.

### Distraction burglary - charge made

A 29-YEAR-OLD woman has been charged after a distraction burglary in Oxford last week.

The woman was charged with burglary dwelling on May 9, and has been bailed to appear before Oxford Magistrates' Court on May 27.

It relates to an incident at a house in Beauchamp Place on April 28.

## Boundaries reviewed

DIDCOT Town Council will submit a response declaring its support to expand its current boundaries as part of a South Oxfordshire District Council (SODC) review.

The Community Governance Review plans to incorporate 316 houses in the Millbrook estate, currently in East Hagbourne, and parcels of land in Long Wittenham and West Hagbourne within the Didcot parish.

The areas currently in Long Wittenham and West Hagbourne have been allocated for housing developments - the North East Didcot and Great Western Park estates.

Didcot Town Council say the developments will "form urban extensions to the town", which they will look

to "for their facilities".

Last week's Oxfordshire Guardian reported East Hagbourne Parish Council's dismay at the proposal, as chairman David Rickeard said residents "want to remain" in the parish.

However, Tom Bowtell, chairman of Long Wittenham Parish Council, said in the long term he had no problem, but would like to see road networks improved before the boundary changed.

Meanwhile, West Hagbourne Parish Council chairman Michael Butler said he was happy for the land to be given to Didcot.

Consultation on the boundary changes ends on May 31 and a decision will be made at SODC's council meeting on July 17.



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# Get ready for return of Fun in the Park!

By Adam Flinn

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ABINGDON Town Council is preparing for its annual Fun in the Park and Music in the Park events, set to take place in the Abbey Grounds on June 7.

Fun in the Park will see a number of attractions taking place in the grounds, such as sports taster sessions, community groups, and arts and crafts during the afternoon.

It will then be followed by Music in the Park later in the evening, with performances from a variety of bands covering a wide mix of genres.

This year's show will be opened by The Undercovers, followed by Free for All, Prisoners of Katrina and Skin the Cat.

It will conclude with the traditional Proms in the Park, performed by the Abingdon Town Band, and a fireworks display.

Town councillor Alice Badcock is one of the organisers of the event, and has been working on arranging activities and entertainment since November.

She said: "The aim is to get everything as free as possible so that everyone can take part."

"Last year we had over 7,000 people through the gates. It's normally very positive and everyone enjoys it."

"There's a lot of things that everyone can do, and it ranges from things the tots can do right through to teenagers doing the



• The 2012 Fun in the Park event, which coincided with the Queen's Diamond Jubilee

skateboarding."

Steve Rich, musical director and conductor with Abingdon Town Band, said that performing at Music in the Park gave him a "tremendous buzz".

He said: "We've been doing it for about three years now, and the band's always done the finale proms."

"We get a tremendous reaction. Last year we had about 2,700 people, and we're hoping for a crowd of 3,000 this year."

"Everyone's listening to you, they join in and are singing, and it just gives everybody a tremendous buzz."

So far around 70 per cent of tickets have been sold for Music in the Park, which cost £5 for adults and £2 for those aged five to 17. For more details, call the town council on 01235 522642.

## News Bites

### Phone taken

ABINGDON: A mobile phone and iPod have been stolen from a house in Abingdon, after burglars broke in via an unsecured back door.

The incident took place between 12noon and 2pm last Friday at a property in John Morris Road.

Anyone with information is asked to call PC Simon Charlton from Abingdon police station on 101.

### Collision

ABINGDON: A 83-year-old man is still in a critical condition in hospital after he was hit by a car at the junction of Reynolds Way and Gainsborough Green last month.

The man was hit by a Ford Galaxy at the junction on April 28 at around 8.10pm. The driver, 35, is helping police with their enquiries.

Police are asking for anyone who witnessed the collision to contact Sgt Philip Hanham from Roads Policing on 101.

### School's fair

CULHAM: The European School is hosting its May Fair on Saturday, featuring live music, a barbecue and numerous family activities.

Students will also be displaying their artwork in the school's chapel during the day, following the success of a similar exhibition last year.

It will run from 11am to 4pm on the school grounds in Thame Lane.

## Cowbabies sought for Sensathon experience

BABIES in Abingdon will be able to dress up as cowboys and cowgirls at a 'Sensathon' event next month, to raise money for baby charity Tommy's.

Abingdon Baby Sensory will be hosting the Wild West-themed sensory experience on June 4, with songs, storytelling and play

for babies to enjoy.

It is one of over 200 events taking place in baby sensory classes across the UK, with the aim of raising £100,000 for Tommy's in the process.

Event organiser Leigh Whitwell said: "Everything we do is designed to stimulate the senses

and give babies and toddlers fun experiences in an exciting environment that will keep them smiling all day long."

Jane Brewin, chief executive of Tommy's, added: "Sensathon is guaranteed to be a fantastic experience for babies, toddlers and parents alike."

"The money raised by Sensathon will go towards opening a new research centre to support more families on the journey to becoming a parent."

The Abingdon Sensathon will be held at Radley Village Hall. To book, go to [babysensory.com](http://babysensory.com).

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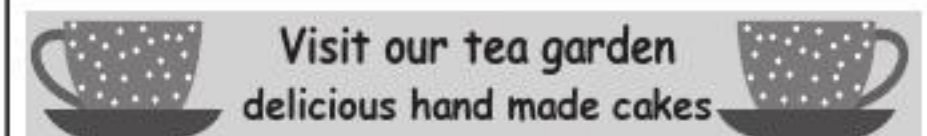
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## News Bites

## Fundraising

OXFORD: Business energy supplier Opus Energy, which is based in Oxford, has revealed it raised nearly £30,000 for two charities in the past financial year.

The group has donated £23,770 to Mencap and £6,175 for the Rainbows Hospice in Loughborough, exceeding the £25,000 target that staff had set.

Money was raised through numerous activities including sky diving, marathons and live music concerts.

This year, the company has again pledged to raise £20,000 for Mencap and £5,000 for Rainbows, as well as offering support to a third charity: Beating Bowel Cancer.

## Sleep study

OXFORD: Modern perceptions of how much sleep we need are arrogant, according to Oxford University researchers.

Scientists at Oxford, Cambridge, Harvard, Manchester and Surrey universities have collaborated for the BBC's Day of the Body Clock programme.

Prof Russell Foster, who claims people get on average one or two hours less sleep every night compared to 60 years ago, says human beings are a "supremely arrogant species".

# Inquiry to look at discharge support

A NATIONAL inquiry to uncover the dangers of patients being discharged from hospitals and care homes without proper help is being supported by Healthwatch Oxfordshire.

The inquiry is asking for people to come forward and speak about their real life experiences of the discharge process, and learn what can be done to avoid health problems and readmission afterwards.

Healthwatch Oxfordshire believes that such incidents could be avoided locally if more care and attention was given to preparing people returning to their homes and communities after treatment.

Larry Sanders, chair of Healthwatch Oxfordshire, said: "We are pleased that Healthwatch England is using its statutory powers to look into the problem of unsafe discharges."

"These arise when people who are elderly, homeless or experiencing mental health problems are released from hospital or a care home without the arrangements being made which allow them to live safely."

"This is a major issue around the country, including Oxfordshire."

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"I am very proud to represent the county on the national panel which is overseeing the inquiry."

Anna Bradley, chair of Healthwatch England, said: "Taking the time to ask patients about how they are going to cope when they return home and ensuring everyone has the support they need sounds simple, but all too often fails to happen."

"Sadly, it's when people fall through the gaps between the different health and social care services that serious problems occur, leading to unnecessary suffering for those involved."

"Ultimately what is needed is for NHS Trusts, clinical commissioning groups and local councils to work together with patients to manage the discharge process as part of a much more integrated health and care service."

Anyone who has experience of a poorly planned discharge is asked to contact the Healthwatch Oxfordshire team on 01865 520520.

## Pub closed following police drugs raid

A MAN has been charged following a drugs raid on a Cowley pub.

The 55-year-old man was arrested at the Nelson public house, in Between Towns Road, on Friday night.

He is charged with possession with intent to supply class

A drugs.

A large sum of cash was also seized from another man as a result of the warrant.

Police officers tested areas throughout the pub with swabs and found widespread evidence of drug use.

The warrant came as part

of Operation Relight, which is part of an investigation to crack down on the supply of class A drugs.

Supt Christian Bunt, local policing area commander for Oxford, said: "We will now be liaising closely with the management of the pub to look at any on-going issues there."

"Based on the findings from [Friday] night, we will consider if we have sufficient evidence to take the license to review."

"In the interim, the pub has voluntarily agreed to close."

Richard Adams, environmental protection service manager at Oxford City Council, said: "Operation Relight again shows the real benefit of agencies working together."

Anyone with further information that may aid the operation is asked to call 101, or Crimestoppers on 0800 555111.



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## News Bites

### City protest

OXFORD: Fast food workers will be on strike today in protest of zero-hour contracts.

Twenty strikes will take place in towns and cities across the UK, including outside McDonalds on Cornmarket Street, at 6pm. One hundred and fifty of these strikes will be held across America as well as in 33 different countries.

### New record

HEADINGTON: A team of swimmers from Headington School broke a five-year-old national record on their way to victory at the National Swimming Finals last Saturday.

The under 10 relay team of Safiya Sillah, Numa Shah, Olivia Mahony and Jemima Gibbs won in a time of 1:01.40 – a new Independent Association of Prep Schools record.

### Museum fun

OXFORD: Families are invited to get creative at the Ashmolean Museum this Saturday, as they host an Arty Party with free activities taking place.

Tours, workshops, face painting and ancient object handling will be on offer to youngsters.

It is free to take part, and runs from 12noon to 4pm.

# Former pupils in reunion pledge

By Jack Johnson

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THREE former Cheney School pupils are encouraging their old classmates to attend a reunion as part of the 60th anniversary of its foundation.

Bernard Stone, 70, Bryan Brown, 67, and Nigel Jones, 66, are appealing for people who attended the school between 1954 and 1972 to join them for a day of celebration on July 11.

John Henry Brookes founded the technical school in 1934 and the trio are appealing for people from this particular 18-year period – before the school merged with Cheney Girls' School and when it became a comprehensive.

Mr Brown, who recently completed a biography of Mr Brookes, said: "What we want is for people to contact each other."

"Someone knows one or two people and what we want is to support it."

Cheney School began as the Junior Day Department of the Oxford Tech before becoming a separate secondary technical school in 1944.



• (From left to right) Bernard Stone, Bryan Brown and Nigel Jones

Sharing the buildings of the Technical College on Church Street, Oxford, the school moved to Cheney Lane, Headington, in 1954, taking the name of the street as its new name.

The college also moved to Headington, later renamed the Oxford Polytechnic and now Oxford Brookes University.

The trio have so far attracted

60 of their former classmates to the celebration at Cheney School, which will include a tour of the current buildings.

Cheney was the only technical school in Oxford before the change in 1972, providing educational streams in technology, art and commerce.

Mr Stone, who chose the technology stream, said: "Because

of the schooling I had when I started studying for Architectural exams I was streets ahead of everyone else."

Arnold Wainwright was head of the technical school and Mr Jones said he was a character that everyone will remember.

If you attended the school between 1954 – 1972, visit [cheney1954-1972.org](http://cheney1954-1972.org).

## Appeal after man pushed by mugger

POLICE are appealing for witnesses after a man was the victim of an attempted robbery in Cowley last week.

At around 8pm on May 6, the victim was walking along the subway under the eastern bypass from Fern Hill Road towards the BMW plant, when he was approached by another man.

The man then pushed the victim up against a wall and demanded he hand over his property.

The victim was able to kick the suspect in the shins and run away.

Police are looking for a black male, 6ft 3ins, aged in his mid-20s, of average build and with very short black hair in connection with the incident.

He was wearing a black Adidas hooded top, which has three white stripes down both the arms.

Investigating officer PC Paul Jones from Oxford Police Station said: "Due to the time of night, it was still light and people would have been using the subway."

"If anyone was in the area and used the underpass and recognises the man from the description given, please contact me on 101."

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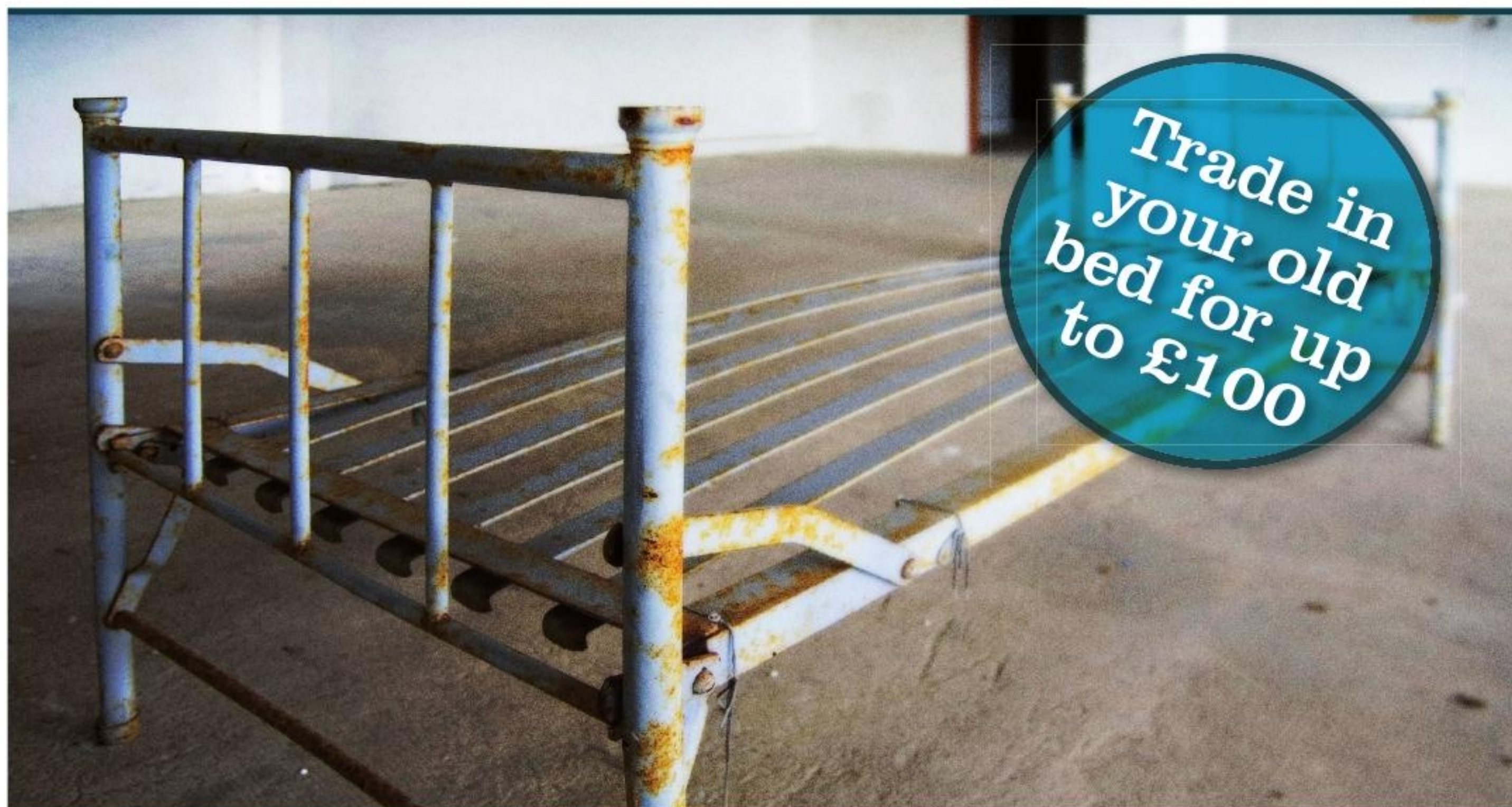
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# Building wins top accolade

AN OXFORD Brookes teaching block has been voted 'Building of the Year' at the Royal Institute of British Architecture (RIBA) South awards.

The John Henry Brookes Building beat competition from sites across the south, including 11 others in Oxfordshire, to take the top prize.

It also won the Sustainability Award at the ceremony last Thursday, while the building's architects Design Engine were also honoured.

Judges praised the look of the building, which opened in February this year to provide a library, teaching space, Students' Union and support services.

As a regional winner, the building will now be considered for the national RIBA Stirling Prize.

Professor Janet Beer, vice chancellor of Oxford Brookes University, said: "The John Henry Brookes Building is the biggest and best signal that at Oxford Brookes we put the student experience at the heart of everything

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we do.

"Anyone who has seen the way in which students have already made the space their own will recognise that not only is it beautiful, it is also functional.

"Together with architects Design Engine, we are delighted that this fantastic building has been recognised by RIBA and is now in contention for the prestigious Stirling Prize."

Matt Gaskin, head of the school of architecture at the university, said: "The award is testament to our vision in providing inspirational architectural spaces to complement our top class teaching and research.

"To have award-winning architecture on campus will further inspire our staff and students."

RIBA regional director James Robinson added: "There was a fantastically high standard to the RIBA awards this year.

"We are very lucky in the south to have the local ambition and design talent to be able to complete buildings of this quality."

John Ridgett, associate director for Design Engine, said: "The greatest achievement will be if the building inspires students for generations."

## County council issue cleaner drains advice

AFTER a fatberg caused Oxford's roads to come to a standstill at the beginning of last month, the county council is urging people not to pour fat and oil down their drains.

The sewer under Hollybush Row, Oxford, became clogged up after a mass of fat and wet wipes built up and hardened.

Blocked sewers can cause homes to flood and Matt Beesley, the county council's waste management service officer, is asking residents not to pour oil away.

"Cooking oil is a valuable resource and putting it down the drain not only causes blockages but means it is going to waste," he said.

"All types of oil can be recycled by putting small amounts into your food waste recycling bin.

"If you have larger amounts it can be soaked into newspaper first."

Thames Water spends £12 million a year on clearing blockages in sewers.

Karen Nelson, Thames Water sewer manager, added: "We would urge people to keep their sewers running by remembering to 'Bin It - Don't Block It'."



• The John Henry Brookes Building



## News Bites

### Rallying for free

SUMMERTOWN: Budding tennis players can play for free this weekend at Summertown's Alexandra Courts as part of the Great British Tennis Weekend, taking place on Saturday and Sunday.

Players are invited to take part in activities such as cardio tennis, receive coaching, or simply turn up and play with their friends and family.

Rackets and balls will be provided during the weekend. To sign up, go to [clubhouse.lta.org.uk/opensdays](http://clubhouse.lta.org.uk/opensdays).

### Apprenticeships

OXFORD: Small businesses in the city who are thinking about taking on an apprentice can find out more information at a special event taking place at the Town Hall this morning.

Experts will be on hand to answer questions and explain the benefits of hiring an apprentice, as well as speaking about the £1,500 Apprenticeship Grant for Employers.

It is running from 9.30am to 11.30am. For more information go to [oxfordshire-apprenticeships.co.uk](http://oxfordshire-apprenticeships.co.uk).

### Man bailed by police

OXFORD: A 22-year-old man has been bailed in connection with a sexual assault in an alleyway off Cowley Road on May 5.

The victim was walking along the road at around 9pm when she was pulled into an alleyway opposite Marsh Road.

He was arrested by officers on May 9 and has been bailed until June 10.

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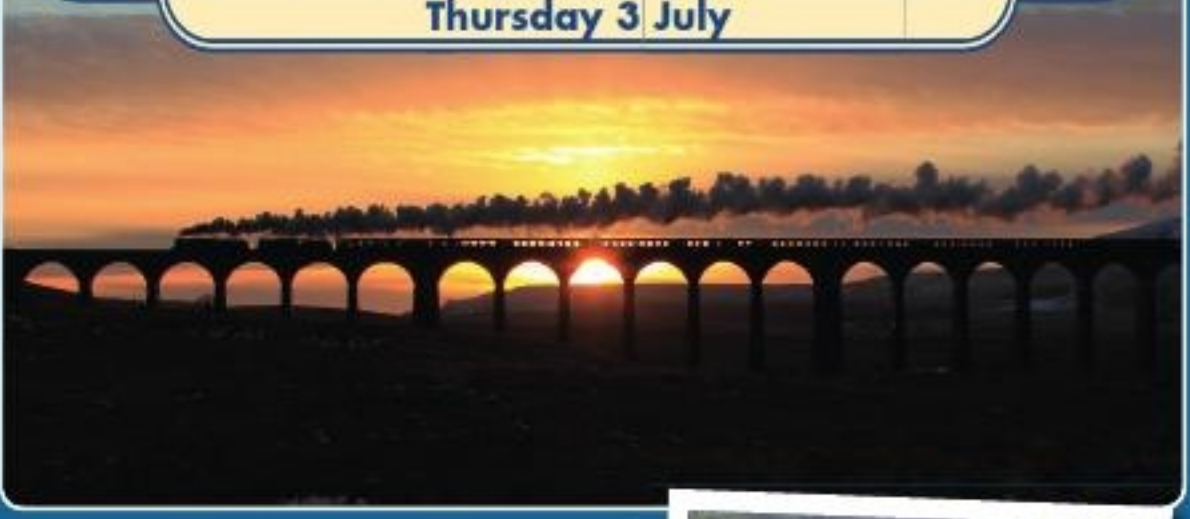
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# Camilla comes to Oxford for visit

OXFORD was host to Camilla, the Duchess of Cornwall last Friday, as she opened a new research centre before meeting staff and patients at Helen & Douglas House.

The Duchess started the day by officially opening Oxford University's new £12m Botnar Research Centre on the site of Headington's Nuffield Orthopaedic Centre.

She was given a tour of the facility and was shown a simulator for surgical skills training, before having a go at operating on a model shoulder and knee herself.

Professor Andrew Carr, director of the new research centre, said: "We were delighted that the Duchess of Cornwall was able to come and visit here again."

"Conditions such as arthritis and osteoporosis affect the

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quality of life of many people, particularly in an ageing population.

"There is a great need for improved treatments to tackle the large burden of disease, pain and disability, and make a real difference to people's lives."

The Duchess then made the trip across Oxford to Helen & Douglas House, where she helped to celebrate the hospice's 10th birthday.

She toured the building and spoke with children and young adults staying at the hospice, as well as staff and volunteers, before joining in with a birthday photograph in the site's garden.

On her departure, she was presented with a découpage

gift made in the Douglas House art room by guests staying at the hospice.

One of the children who the Duchess met was Ollie Samways, who regularly visits the hospice.

His mother Marie McVicker said: "It was lovely to meet the Duchess, she was very down to earth and very friendly."

"She met Ollie at the beginning of the visit and then again near the end, and I was very

touched that she remembered his name."

Tom Hill, chief executive of Helen & Douglas House, said: "The Duchess, as she always does on occasions like this, put the children, young people and their families before anyone else."

"My lasting memory is of Her Royal Highness kneeling beside the wheelchair of a very poorly child showing the deepest concern for mum and dad."

## Healthcare open day

AN INTERACTIVE exhibition showing how everyday objects have transformed healthcare is being staged by the Oxford Biomedical Research Centre (BRC) on Monday.

Taking place at the John Radcliffe Hospital, the exhibition will feature demonstrations of the latest technology and techniques for tackling conditions such as cancer, dementia and arthritis.

Visitors will be able to extract DNA from strawberries, as well as taking on the centre's 'infection experts' at a game of Bug Top Trumps.

Researchers and medical professionals will also be on hand to answer questions in issues including DNA sequencing, the importance of sleep and how

data drives new treatments and services.

BRC director Professor Keith Channon said: "Research plays a vital role in improving healthcare and our teams are at the forefront of research both nationally and internationally."

"Patients and the public are at the heart of what we do, from helping shape the questions we ask to participating in projects and trials."

"The open day is a way of sharing our work in a fun and interactive way and saying thank you for the support we get."

The open day will run from 12.30pm to 4.30pm at the John Radcliffe's West Wing Atrium.



• The Duchess meets Ollie Samways at Helen & Douglas House on Friday (Picture courtesy of All People Photography)

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## News Bites

## Sports fund for budding new athletes

WEST OXON: The district council has been awarded £11,800 from the Sportivate London 2012 legacy programme, to encourage young people in the district to take up a new sport.

The council already run a number of sports sessions for young people to take part in, and the funding will allow them to continue these free of charge.

Kyle Harrington, 14, has been attending skateboarding sessions, and said: "We've learned loads of new things and I think a lot of us will be on our skateboards more often now."

## New Mayor

WALLINGFORD: Jane Titchener was officially unveiled as the new mayor of Wallingford at the town's mayor making ceremony on Monday evening.

Cllr Titchener succeeds Bernard Stone for 2014/15, while Lynda Atkins will be deputy mayor.

On Sunday, town clerk Jamie Baskeyfield will lead the town councillors to Cllr Titchener's home on St Nicholas Road, and walk her up to St Mary's Church in the market place for an 11am service.

# Broadband benefits across Oxon

MORE residents and businesses in South Oxfordshire, Vale of White Horse and West Oxfordshire are set to benefit from superfast broadband, after the district councils agreed to provide more funding for the project.

South Oxfordshire councillors agreed to put forward £1m, which is hoped will boost coverage from 53 per cent to 95 per cent by December 2015.

The Vale, which already has 68 per cent coverage, is hoping to boost the figure to 96 per cent, and is providing £250,000 to improve broadband in the district.

And West Oxfordshire will provide a loan of £1.6m to the

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Cotswold Broadband project, which is looking to achieve 100 per cent coverage.

Judith Nimmo-Smith, cabinet member for economic development at South Oxfordshire District Council, said: "We are well aware that many people currently experience slow broadband speeds.

"We were very keen to ensure that we wouldn't end up leaving small pockets of the community at a disadvantage.

"Our investment, together with the Broadband Delivery UK funding, extends the reach

of superfast broadband in South Oxfordshire that little bit further, making a big difference for many people across the district."

Elaine Ware, cabinet member for economy at Vale of White Horse District Council, said: "The Vale already has a fairly high broadband reach.

"However we are well aware that if we leave it at [the Vale's countywide target of] 93 per cent coverage, there will be areas who will still not receive the broadband speeds they need.

"This additional investment ensures that this is addressed and puts us that much closer to getting 100 per cent coverage."

William Barton, West Oxfordshire District Council's economic development officer, said: "Our members have been very clear in their aspiration to secure full coverage in the district.

"Members felt that they owe it to the district and everyone who lives, works and visits here, to try and maximise the potential chance of achieving as close to 100 per cent coverage.

"Although things are still in the very early stages and there is a lot of work to be done to progress the project, this is exciting news for West Oxfordshire."

## MP's Corner

Ed Vaizey

MP for Wantage and Didcot



## Pride in our local police force

CRIME, and fear of crime, is one of the issues which is of most concern to my constituents in Didcot and Wantage, so I was delighted recently to hear from the local Area Supt Andy Boyd that his team has been able to reduce crime whilst increasing the number of offenders who have been brought to justice. There were, last year, over a 1,000 less victims of crime in South Oxfordshire and the Vale of White Horse area than there were two years ago. In the last financial year, this was the second best performing LPA in Thames Valley.

The police are rightly proud that you are less likely to be a victim of crime in South Oxfordshire or the Vale of White Horse than almost anywhere else in the country. Also, if somebody commits a crime within our district they are far more likely to be caught.

Our local police force has reduced dwelling burglary by 60% in the last ten years and they are determined to reduce it still further. They will also be prioritising offences of vio-

lence this year. Historically, the largest volume of these offences have occurred during the Friday and Saturday night time economy period as a result of increased intoxication levels. They have worked hard with their partners, including our fantastic Street Pastors in Wantage and Wallingford, and as a result of this for the first time in many years violent incidents in our town centres on a Friday and Saturday evening have decreased.

Didcot and Wantage is the most rural constituency in the South East, so I am very pleased indeed to hear that tackling rural crime will again be a priority for the police this year. They have reduced this crime by 25%, although they recognise there is a great deal that still needs to be done.

The Police are quite justifiably very proud indeed of all they have achieved locally, and I am proud, as are the local people I talk to, that we have a police force in this area which really does do a fantastic job for us, without ever resting on their laurels.

## Artist vies for prize

AN OXFORD hand-engraver has been shortlisted for an international art prize, and will be vying for the £10,000 top prize this summer.

Philip Lawson Johnston has been nominated for the David Shepherd Wildlife Foundation's Wildlife Artist of the Year exhibition, with the winner set to be announced at London's Mall Galleries between June 2 and 7.

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## Ex-teacher is jailed for '80s sex offences

A FORMER Wallingford teacher has been jailed for two years for historic sex offences against a teenage girl.

Nigel Mayglothling, 54, of Church Gate, Colston Bassett, Nottingham, pleaded guilty to nine counts of indecent assault and was sentenced on May 2 at Oxford Crown Court.

The offences were committed between 1987 and 1989, when Mayglothling worked at the now closed Carmel College in Wallingford.

Mayglothling will remain on the Sex Offenders' Register for 10 years.

Investigating officer Det Con Patricia Coyne, from the Child Abuse Investigation Unit, said: "This abuse affected the victim's life in all areas since that time. I would like to thank her for having the courage to support the case."

"The sentence demonstrates that historic sexual abuse cases will be pursued to ensure those responsible for such offences are brought to justice."



# Keri-Anne is back for Palace swim

By Jack Johnson

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OLYMPIC swimming star Keri-Anne Payne will return to Blenheim Palace this September for the second SwimBritain event, and hopes this year will be even more popular than the first.

So far over 250 people have signed up to the event on September 7, one of 11 across the country.

Blenheim is the only open water event on the SwimBritain calendar and is part of a national push to get more people swimming.

Participants will swim 1,000m or 500m each, in four legs of 250m or 125m, as part of a team in the Palace's Great Lake.

Over 900 people took part in the first Blenheim Palace SwimBritain event last September, and Keri-Anne is hopeful of an even better turnout this year.

"The event last year was brilliant, it was outstanding, we had a really sunny day," she said.

"It was really nice to see so many people taking part and having fun, that was what really blew me away last year."

"If you're apprehensive about



• Keri-Anne Payne returns to Blenheim Palace in September

it you can join a team and be part of a relay and go through it all together.

"This the best way of having a taster into the world of open water swimming."

Former Olympic silver medalist and two-time World Champion Keri-Anne added that open water swimming has benefited

from the legacy of London 2012.

"I think it has," she said, "and to be honest I noticed it from 2008 after the Beijing Olympics. "Going into that I had to explain to people what open water swimming is and now coming away from that they understand it, they have stories and they enjoy

watching it."

"We already have around 250 people joining in on this swim and we just really want to get more people involved in open water swimming."

This year children as young as 12 can take part in SwimBritain and to enter visit [swimbritain.co.uk/members/enter](http://swimbritain.co.uk/members/enter).

## News Bites

### Fares increase

OXFORD: Single and return tickets on Oxford Bus Company's city services are set to go up in price.

As of May 18, an adult single ticket will increase by 10p while a return ticket will go up by 20p.

Single and return tickets on the X90 Oxford to London service will increase by £1.

### A34 collision

KIDLINGTON: Three men were taken to hospital on May 6 after a single vehicle collision on the south-bound carriageway of the A34 between the Peartree roundabout and Islip.

The collision occurred at around 8.40pm and the men, who were in a blue BMW, were taken to the John Radcliffe Hospital, Headley Way, Headington.

One of the men suffered serious injuries. Call 101 with information.

### Leaflet appeal

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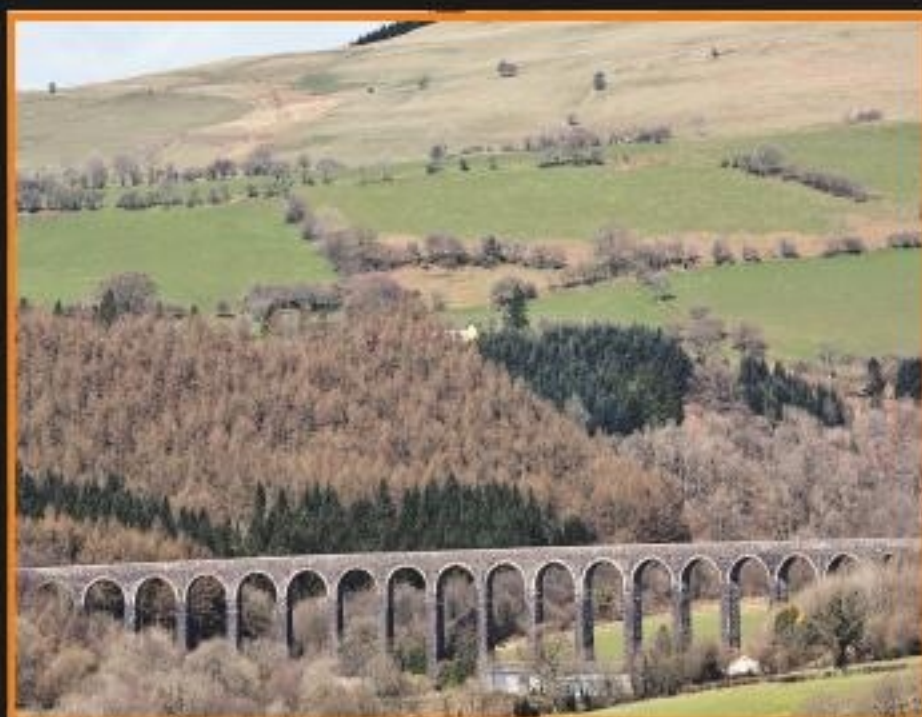
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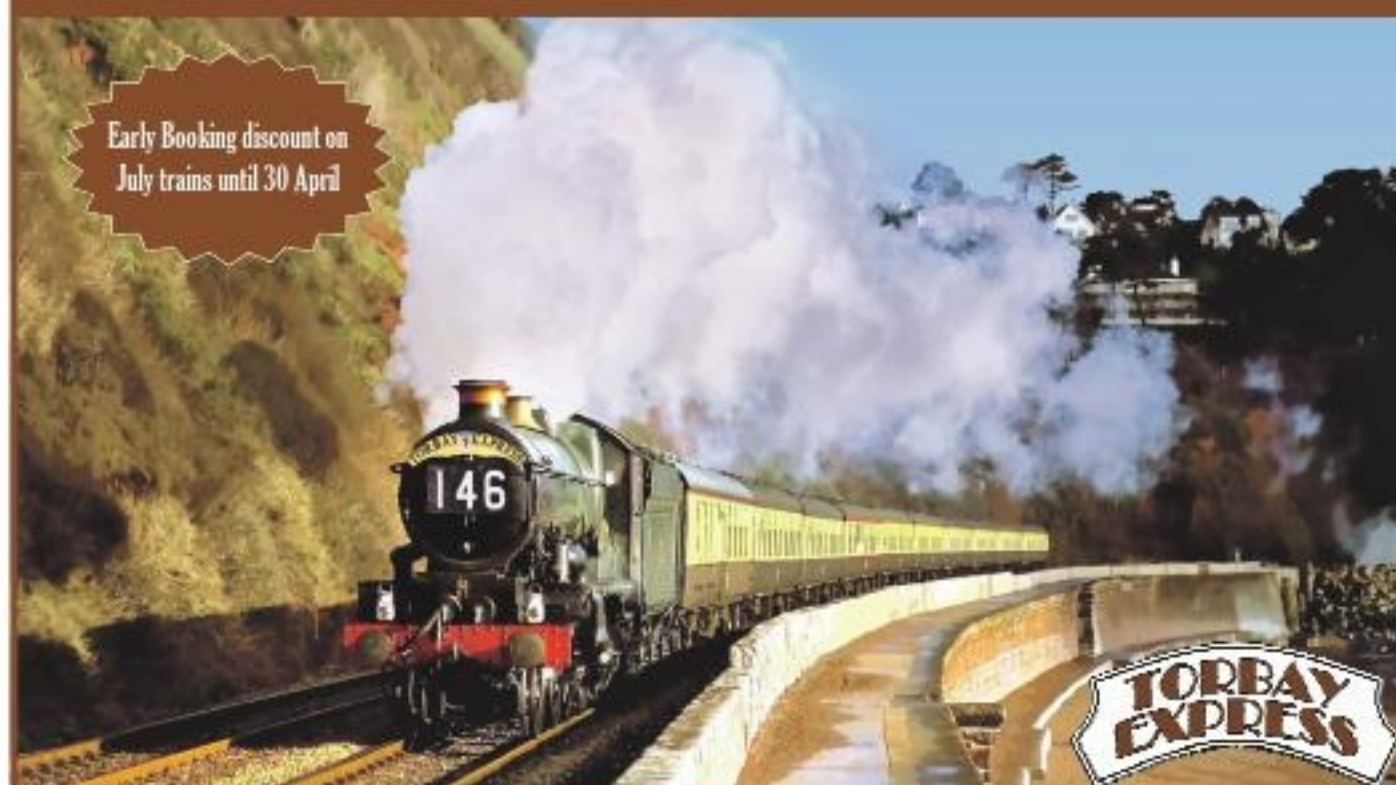


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## Station work

OXON: The platforms at Thame Parkway and Bicester North will be extended as part of the Oxford to London Marylebone rail link.

Nine-carriage trains will be able to stop at the stations from summer 2015, with work starting in July.

Liam Sumpter, area director for Network Rail, said: "The nature of the work means there will be some disruption, but we continue to work closely with Chiltern Railways."

## Spring clean

CHERWELL: Volunteers have helped clean up the district after more than two tonnes of rubbish was collected during an annual spring clean.

Over a four-week period during March and April, 38 organisations from across Cherwell signed up to the district council's 10th spring clean event.

## Flag retired

WALLINGFORD: RAF Benson retired its 26-year-old serving flag at St Maryle-More Church, Wallingford, last Tuesday.

Airmen from the base paraded through the town before Wing Commander Mark Biggadike, of the 33 squadron, placed the 1988 standard on the altar.

# Eoin's epic journey of rowing the Atlantic

ROWING across the Atlantic while living off purified seawater is not how most teenagers spend their winters.

However, that is exactly what 17-year-old Eoin Hartwright, from Appleford, did, as he became the youngest person to row the Atlantic.

"I grew up really quickly," he said, "It didn't feel like I was the youngest person."

Eoin, alongside uncle Simon Hartwright, 40, Matthew Collier, 49, and Tom Alden, 30, completed the Talisker Whiskey Atlantic Rowing Challenge earlier this year in 43 days.

And on Tuesday night they premiered a documentary of their challenge from La Gomera in the Canary Islands, to Antigua in the Caribbean, at Cornerstone, Didcot.

However, it was not all plain sailing for Eoin as he initially set off on the challenge as part of a three-man crew on December 4 last year.

Disagreements on the boat led to the trio returning to port, but within 10 days Eoin had set up a new team: Quad Atlantic.

Eoin said: "I was lucky in a way because I had my uncle on board. He is a very upbeat per-

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son and he always kept the boat in a good mood."

The quartet's routine was two hours rowing and two hours resting, and there was a particular time of day that Eoin most enjoyed.

"At night it would all go dark and the stars were all amazing," he said, "I was eager to

see them every night."

Tom added: "When we had a clear night you could see a full 360 around you. That was really lovely."

Conditions varied from mill-ponds to 60ft waves, while swordfish circled the boat for four hours and the team had a rather close encounter with a whale.

Quad Atlantic has so far raised over £8,000 for Helen and Douglas House.



• (From left to right) Eoin Hartwright and Tom Alden with their boat outside Cornerstone in Didcot

## Store gets approval

A WAITROSE store on Botley Road was given the green light by city councillors last week.

The West Area Planning Committee voted in favour of the plans to build a 24,500 sq ft store on the former Halfords and MFI site by five votes to two.

However, a condition was passed for a pedestrian crossing to be installed near the entrance of the store.

Officers recommended the project for approval despite admitting that "the proposals are likely to worsen existing severe traffic congestion along Botley Road".

The 1980s former-MFI building, which is currently home to a temporary Cancer Research UK shop, will be bulldozed as part of the plans.

The store will create up to 160 new jobs, and 148 parking spaces could be open next year.

Waitrose spokesperson James Armstrong said: "This is a major step forward in realising what we believe is an exciting opportunity to bring major investment to Botley Road and open our nearest store to the city centre."

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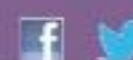
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## Henning Wehn

POPULAR German comedian Henning Wehn brings his brand new show 'Eins Zwei DIY' to Oxford's North Wall Arts Centre on Saturday evening.

Henning has made numerous television appearances in his self-appointed role of German Comedy Ambassador, on programmes such as 'Room 101', 'QI' and '8 Out Of 10 Cats'.

The show begins at 8pm.

## Guitarist Jeff

RENOWNED electric guitarist Jeff Beck has brought his long-awaited tour to the UK, which makes a stop at Oxford's New Theatre on Saturday.

The Grammy award-winning guitarist is set to perform a the eclectic musical mix that is his trademark alongside his band, with support coming from Mike Sanchez.

It starts at 7.30pm.

## Fun in the sea

OXFORD'S Pegasus Theatre is host to Rock Pool, the story of two very different sea creatures who are left stranded, today and tomorrow.

The children's production sees Prawn and Crab try to find their way home after getting stuck in a rock pool, and is suitable for ages three and over.

# Telling George's story

THE life story of singer, actor and comedian George Formby is told in a one-man show coming to Didcot's Cornerstone theatre on Saturday.

Ewan Wardrop wrote and performs the show, which charts Formby's rise from humble beginnings to becoming one of Britain's biggest stars of the 20th century.

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Formby was one of the UK's highest-paid entertainers during the 1930s and '40s, becoming well-known for humorous songs such as 'When I'm Cleaning

Windows'.

He and his wife Beryl travelled extensively during the Second World War, and it is estimated that they played before three million Allied soldiers during that time.

It was while Ewan was growing up that he found out about Formby, and has remained a fan of his work ever

since.

Ewan added: "It wasn't until I met Ed Hughes, who's the director of the play, when we were in a play together that he said 'do you want to do something about George Formby?'"

"At the time, I hadn't because I was aware of what a big story it was."

"It's a hard one to play as well, but he and I met up once a week at a pub, and came up with a show."

Performing in a one-man show is something Ewan has never done before, and he has been enjoying the challenge throughout the process.

It has already received critical acclaim at the Edinburgh Festival last year, and is currently touring the UK throughout the spring.

"It's a different sort of performing," said Ewan. "I do stand-up as well, and this feels somewhere between that and normal acting."

"You've got an audience staring back at you saying 'entertain me', and you've got no-one else to pass those nerves onto, so it's a big challenge."

"It's been a steep learning curve, but I think any actor should do it because it does challenge you, and it's extremely rewarding."

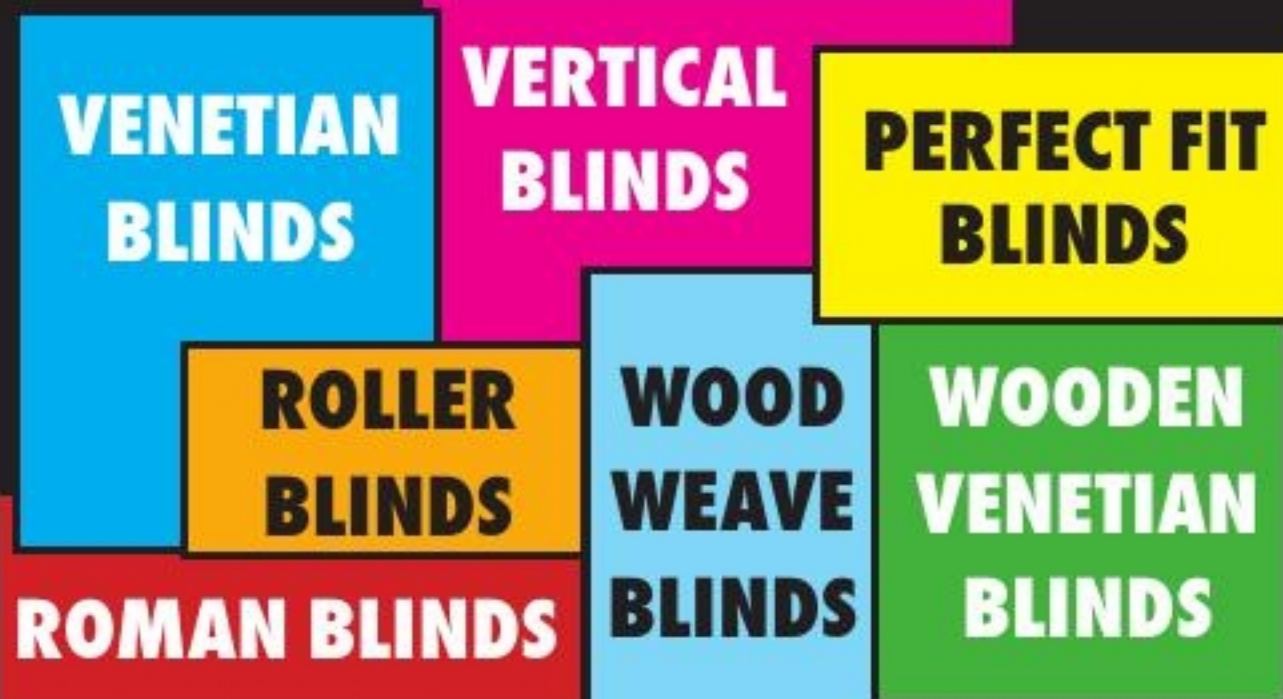
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• Ewan Wardrop stars as George Formby in Didcot this weekend



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## Evening fun

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For more details, go to [museum-satnight.org.uk](http://museum-satnight.org.uk).

## Jimi Goodwin

JIMI Goodwin, best known for being the bassist, vocalist and guitarist for Doves, performs a solo show at Oxford's O2 Academy on Monday.

He released his debut solo album 'Odludek' in March, and has recently been touring alongside Elbow to promote the new record.

Doors open at 7pm.

## Stepping Out

WALLINGFORD'S Corn Exchange is host to Stepping Out, a comedy about eight individuals from disparate backgrounds who attend a weekly tap dancing class, from Tuesday.

The students at the class treat them as social occasions, and despite showing little coordination, they eventually develop a level of skill and cohesiveness before performing at a charity event.

# Violin concerto



RUSSIAN violin virtuoso Dmitry Sitkovetsky comes to Oxford's Sheldonian Theatre this weekend, to perform the world premiere of Nimrod Borenstein's 'Concerto for Violin and Orchestra' with the Oxford Philomusica.

Dmitry is renowned worldwide for his classical music skills, and has played with numerous orchestras across the globe including the Los Angeles, Berlin and New York Philharmonics.

This concerto is split into four movements, and is scored for double-woodwinds, four horns, two trumpets, two trombones, timpani, vibraphone and strings.

"About three years ago, I met Nimrod and he expressed his wish to write a violin concerto for me," said Dmitry.

"A year and a half ago Nimrod started writing the concerto and then he showed it to me. I made a few suggestions, and a couple of months later he brought the final version, which will be premiered this weekend.

"Premiering a new work is perhaps the most exciting and nerve-wracking part of being a performer.

"You have to win over the audience and also give the new work hopefully a long life on stage. A lot depends on

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how well all musicians are prepared and committed to the piece."

Dmitry has been playing the violin for a young age, and is the fourth generation of classical musicians in his family.

This will be the first time that he has played alongside the Oxford Philomusica, although he has made a previous visit to the Sheldonian.

"I played once in the Sheldonian in the early '90s when I was performing the Elgar concerto with Lord Yehudi Menuhin and the Royal Philharmonic Orchestra," Dmitry added.

"Since then I have visited Oxford many times between 2009 and 2012, when my daughter Julia was a student at Queens College."

The performance at the Sheldonian starts at 8pm on Saturday. For more details, go to [ox.ac.uk/sheldonian](http://ox.ac.uk/sheldonian).

• Dmitry Sitkovetsky premieres the 'Concerto for Violin and Orchestra' at the Sheldonian Theatre on Saturday (Picture by J. Henry Fair)

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**MARK GRIST, ROGUE TEACHER**

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16 May 2014, 8pm  
*Fat Lil's, Witney*  
**FOLK MUSICIAN LISA KNAPP**  
With support from The August List and Wes Finch. Tickets £8 available from Rapture in Witney / Truck Store Oxford and online [www.tunatheday.com](http://www.tunatheday.com)

16 May 2014, 6pm - 9pm  
*Wallingford Museum*

## NIGHT AT THE MUSEUM

Experience what it was like in wartime Britain. Bring a torch to this event, which will appeal to adults and children alike.

16 May 2014, 7pm  
*Oxford Town Hall, St. Aldates*  
**SPIERS & BODEN (OF BEL-LOWHEAD)**  
[www.wegotickets.com/event/248386](http://www.wegotickets.com/event/248386)

16 May 2014 - 18 May 2014  
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**WOOD FESTIVAL**  
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17 May 2014, 2pm - 4pm  
*The Beacon (Wantage Civic Hall)*  
**TEA PARTY TO CELEBRATE 100 YEARS OF BROWNIES**  
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17 May 2014, 9am - 11:59am  
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18 May 2014  
*Cornerstone, Didcot*  
**THE RUTLES**  
[www.cornerstone-arts.org](http://www.cornerstone-arts.org)

18 May 2014, 10am - 3pm  
*Waterperry Gardens, Nr Wheatley*  
**CANCER RESEARCH WALK**  
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*Blenheim Palace*  
**BLenheim 7K**  
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Enter online [www.blenheim7k.co.uk](http://www.blenheim7k.co.uk)

20 May 2014 - 24 May 2014  
*Oxford Playhouse*  
**'TIS PITY SHE'S A WHORE**  
This vivid and violent Jacobean tragedy by John Ford shows a brother and sister's passionate descent into hell. Incest, religion and corrupt morality collide in this controversial and gripping production.  
[www.oxfordplayhouse.com](http://www.oxfordplayhouse.com)

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21 May 2014, 8pm  
*Zelda's Jazz Room at the Comrades Club, Newbury Street, Wantage*  
**HARLEM NIGHTS**  
"American pianist Jeff Barnhart with the Harlem Knights jazz band - jazz from the 1920s & 30s featuring the music of Fats Waller, Duke Ellington, writer of the Charleston, James P. Johnson, et al. Jeff Barnhart is a superb pianist, vocalist and entertainer.  
*Tickets £10 on the door, enquiries tickets 01993 811678 music 01235 765648 or email dave@dave-moorwood.co.uk*

24 May 2014 - 1 Jun 2014, 10am - 5:30pm  
*Waterperry Gardens, Nr Wheatley*  
**GNOMETASTIC**  
Half term fun in the gardens with Gnometastic - Help the gnomes in the gardens who have forgotten their names! Find all eight gnomes and their names to claim your prize in the garden shop - £2 per child and children must be accompanied by an adult for whom the garden entrance fee applies (£6.50).  
[www.waterperrygardens.co.uk](http://www.waterperrygardens.co.uk)  
01844 339226

27 May 2014 - 27 May 2014, 11am - 3pm  
*The North Wall Arts Centre*  
**1001 NIGHTS - TRANSPORT THEATRE & UNICORN ON TOUR**  
"Shahrazad - a lively young girl torn between her old home in the East and her new life in England, re-tells the stories of her childhood to her new-found friend, who understands not a word she says. Nominated for an Off West End Award - Best Production for Young People.  
*Tuesday 27th May, 11am + 2pm, £7, 6+  
01865 319450*

27 May 2014  
*Oxford Playhouse*  
**JOSH WIDDICOMBE**  
Josh Widdicombe's brand new show, Incidentally.  
[www.oxfordplayhouse.com](http://www.oxfordplayhouse.com)

28 May 2014  
*Cornerstone, Didcot*  
**DIDCOT FILM CLUB: GIGI**  
01235 515 144. [www.cornerstone-arts.org](http://www.cornerstone-arts.org)

28 May 2014  
*Oxford Playhouse*  
**DYLAN THOMAS: RETURN JOURNEY**  
This remarkable and mesmerising performance from Bob Kingdom is directed by Welsh icon of stage and screen, Anthony Hopkins. The show blends Thomas' stories and poems to conjure the electrifying presence of the man himself.  
[www.oxfordplayhouse.com](http://www.oxfordplayhouse.com)

28 May 2014, 8:30pm  
*The Lamb Inn, Mill Street, Wantage*  
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Oxford Playhouse  
**'TIS PITY SHE'S A WHORE**



29 May 2014 - 8 Jun 2014  
Oxford Playhouse

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A brand new production featuring stories of courage and conscience from people who took a stand for something they believed in.  
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30 May 2014  
Oxford Playhouse

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Join The Oxford Revue as it unites with its biggest sketch comedy rivals, The Cambridge Footlights and The Leeds Tealights.  
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30 May 2014, 8:30pm  
Carswell Golf & Country Club on A420, east of Faringdon

## STANDARD MILES

"British jazz supergroup revisiting the music played by the legendary Miles Davis. The band gives a unique twist to accessible, familiar material like My Funny Valentine, Green Dolphin Street, Autumn Leaves, and All of You. The loose, spontaneous and elastic treatments that Miles' quintet gave Broadway song material in the 1960s are the inspiration and provide the repertoire for a band full of well-known names. To book tickets and meals go to our website [www.oxfordlivejazz.com](http://www.oxfordlivejazz.com) or ring 01367 718903"

1001 Nights is an enjoyable piece which celebrates the power of stories, family and friendship." What's On Stage"  
[www.thenorthwall.com/01865319450](http://www.thenorthwall.com/01865319450)

30 May 2014 - 1 Jun 2014, 11am - 6pm  
Bothy Vineyard, Frilford Heath

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31 May 2014, 8:20pm - 11pm  
The Wheatsheaf High St Oxford

## GAPPY TOOTH INDUSTRIES

20.45 Who Put Bella In The Witch Elm?  
21.30 The Scribes  
22.15 Back Pocket Prophet  
£4.50 on the door, cheaper at [www.wegotickets.com/event/266379](http://www.wegotickets.com/event/266379)  
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31 May 2014  
Oxford Playhouse

## ERNEST AND THE PALE MOON

A haunting story of obsession and murder from the highly acclaimed Les Enfants Terribles.  
[www.oxfordplayhouse.com](http://www.oxfordplayhouse.com)

1 Jun 2014  
Orchard Centre Didcot

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3 Jun 2014, 7:45pm - 9:15pm  
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3 Jun 2014 - 5 Jun 2014, 7:30pm  
St Leonard's Church, Bledington

## LEDINGTON MUSIC FESTIVAL

The 14th annual 3 day Festival of classical music.  
[www.bledingtonmusicfestival.co.uk](http://www.bledingtonmusicfestival.co.uk)

3 Jun 2014 - 7 Jun 2014  
Oxford Playhouse

## BETTY BLUE EYES

Betty Blue Eyes received rave reviews when it premiered in the West End in 2011, picking up an Olivier Award nomination for Best New Musical. This updated production featuring a 21-strong cast is directed by Daniel Buckroyd, Artistic Director of the Mercury Theatre Colchester, and is guaranteed to put a spring in your step.  
[www.oxfordplayhouse.com](http://www.oxfordplayhouse.com)

6 Jun 2014

## Cornerstone, Didcot

## HARDEEP IS YOUR LOVE

Hardeep Singh Kohli's debut stand up Comedy show.  
[www.cornerstone-arts.org](http://www.cornerstone-arts.org)

7 Jun 2014, 11am - 6pm  
Balliol College, Oxford

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7 Jun 2014, 7pm - 9:29pm  
St helens Church, Abingdon

## LANGTREE SINFONIA SPRING CONCERT

"The evening starts with the overture to Beethoven's incidental music for the play 'The Ruins of Athens'. Written in 1811, the complete music includes the famous 'Turkish' March as well as nine other numbers. Mendelssohn's Scottish Symphony was inspired by his first visit to Britain in 1829. He sketched out his first ideas after a visit to Holyrood Palace in Edinburgh during a walking holiday and although the work took a long time to complete it became about his most popular piece. Haydn became very popular in England, and was able to make a name for himself with works which suited the British taste. His 'Harmoniemesse' was the last of 14 masses he wrote and gets its name from the unusual prominence of wind instruments in the piece. Performing the piece tonight will be the Thames Consort and members of the Dorchester Abbey Choir.  
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10 Jun 2014 - 14 Jun 2014  
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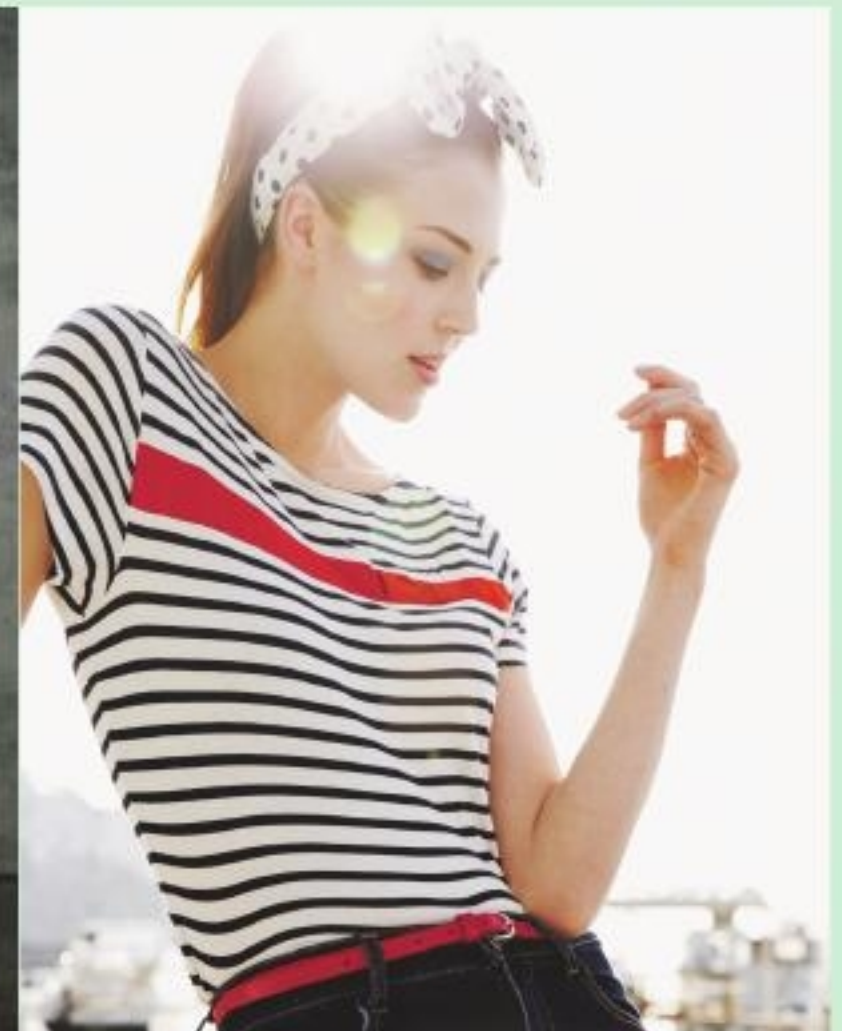
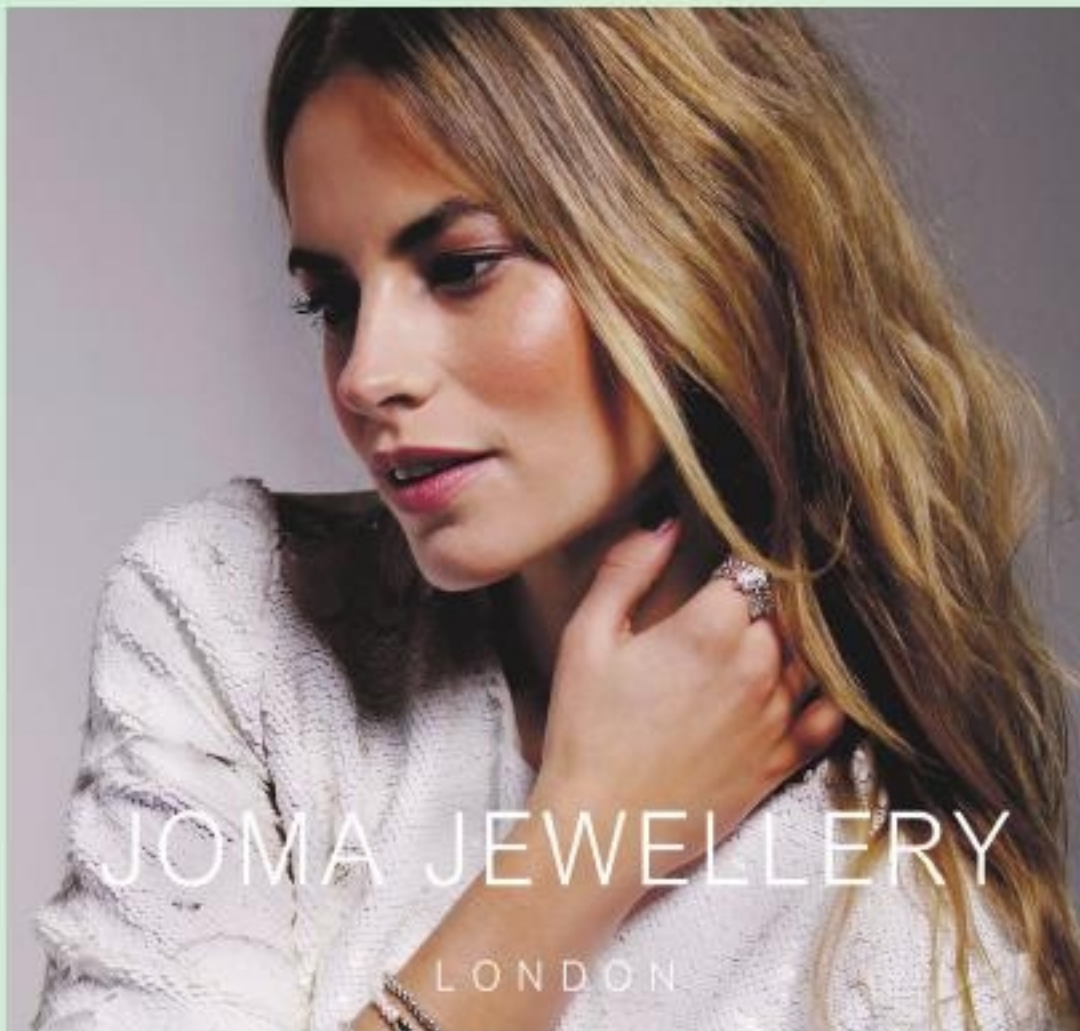
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13 Jun 2014, 8pm

Wallingford Town Hall

## CATHOLIC RECUSANCY IN OXFORDSHIRE

"By Tony Hadland. Recusants were people who, after the Reformation, refused to conform to the Church of England. This talk reveals the secretive survival of Catholicism in Oxfordshire (including former North Berkshire). A surprising number of key events in English post-Reformation Catholic history happened in the area. Examples will be given of surviving records and source of further information. Visitors (£3) are most welcome. [www.twhas.org.uk](http://www.twhas.org.uk)

14 Jun 2014, 7:30pm - 10pm  
St Margaret's Church, St Margaret's Road, Oxford OX2 6RX

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20 Jun 2014, 8pm - 10pm  
Jacqueline du Pré Music Building  
**CAVALERI QUARTET**  
Winners of Chamber Music Residency at Oxford University give recital at JdP. [www.st-hildas.ox.ac.uk/jdp](http://www.st-hildas.ox.ac.uk/jdp) 01865 286660

20 Jun 2014 - 22 Jun 2014  
Hill End Outdoor Centre

## TANDEM FESTIVAL

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21 Jun 2014, 10am - 2am  
City of Oxford College

## OPEN EVENT

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21 Jun 2014, 10am - 2:59am  
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24 Jun 2014, 7:30pm

Burton Taylor Studio

## TWINS

Jack Barry and Annie McGrath are a unique young double act whose curious sketches are filled with flights of fancy and offbeat charm. Catch this preview of their delightfully deadpan sketch comedy show. [www.oxfordplayhouse.com](http://www.oxfordplayhouse.com)

27 Jun 2014 - 28 Jun 2014, 7:30pm

Burton Taylor Studio

## SEE WHAT I SEE

A bold dissection of the notion of sanity within Shakespeare. Eyestrings presents striking new interpretations of classic texts. Age guideline: 14+ [www.oxfordplayhouse.com](http://www.oxfordplayhouse.com)

28 Jun 2014, 7pm - 9pm  
The Methodist Church, High Street, Witney  
**JOSEPH AND THE AMAZING TECHNICOLOR DREAM-COAT-AMATEUR YOUTH PRODUCTION**

A lively concert performance of the songs from this popular family musical, sung by the children of Songscope - Witney Young Singers. Interpreted in sign language by Dr Paul Whittaker OBE, founder of the charity Music and the Deaf. 07786 630164 [www.songscope.org](http://www.songscope.org)

28 Jun 2014, 8:20pm - 11pm

The Wheatheaf High St Oxford

## GAPPY TOOTH INDUSTRIES

"20.45 The August List. 21.30 Blunderbaster. 22.15 Don't Go Plastic. £4.50 on the door, cheaper at [www.wegotickets.com/event/271430](http://www.wegotickets.com/event/271430)" [www.gappytooth.com](http://www.gappytooth.com)

28 Jun 2014, 12:30pm

Kingham Primary School, west Oxfordshire

## SUMMER FETE & PRIZE DRAW

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1 Jul 2014, 7:45pm - 9:15pm  
Old School Room, St Peter's, First Turn, Wolvercote. OX2 8AQ  
**ANHSO - OCEAN CIRCULATION AND CLIMATE - DR RENSKE GELDERLOOS**  
[publicity@anhs.org.uk](mailto:publicity@anhs.org.uk) <http://www.anhs.org.uk/>

1 Jul 2014 - 3 Jul 2014, 9pm  
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## Two speed crossword

### Quick Clues Across

- 1 One who covers furniture (11)
- 9 Spike of corn (3)
- 10 Many-footed animal (9)
- 11 Lesser in importance (5)
- 13 Amidst (7)
- 14 Deny (6)
- 16 Shackle (6)
- 18 Colossal (7)
- 19 One who sets rate of progress (5)
- 20 Setbacks (9)
- 21 Belonging to him (3)
- 22 Teenagers (11)

### Quick Clues Down

- 2 Face value of shares (3)
- 3 Come to mind (5)
- 4 Type of footwear (6)
- 5 Incident (7)
- 6 Vigorous (9)
- 7 Sprout-inducing agents (11)
- 8 Form of printing (11)
- 12 Vetoed (9)
- 15 Supporting shoot (7)
- 17 Small pieces (6)
- 19 Stick (5)
- 21 Shed (3)

### Cryptic Clues Across

- 1 Come in. Thank you. Dine informally. Be received as a guest (11)
- 9 With this one has nothing (3)
- 10 Died having no will to survive (9)
- 11 The rascal sounds as if he's in church (5)
- 13 Could a mere lad be such a jewel? (7)
- 14 I start out to be a craftsman (6)
- 16 Mark the regular pattern (6)
- 18 Flower one could somehow say has a circular centre (7)
- 19 Belief in the bitch who has whelped? (5)
- 20 Can I be in dual collision and not be heard? (9)
- 21 Only part of a piece of pastry (3)
- 22 Substitute newly mixed paler cement (11)

### Cryptic Clues Down

- 2 Trap what is left after deductions (3)
- 3 Chosen to put it in the roughly sheltered side (5)
- 4 Named the bird who was in front (6)
- 5 Examine closely an invertebrate creature soft in the belly (7)
- 6 Forthcoming fellow completely absorbed in eating (9)
- 7 Sounds a peremptory order to a lazy exporter, but denotes skill (11)
- 8 Containers for sewing accessories - or drug addicts? (6,5)
- 12 Change a net around for every other answer (9)
- 15 Descriptive of a conventional gathering? (7)
- 17 Having two feet with which to make rhythm (6)
- 19 Fond hope of a mad reversal concerning the enclosure (5)
- 21 Hold down; check growing up (3)

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## Scribble space

## Last week's solutions

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### Quick Crossword

Across: 1 Resident 4 Spot 8 Portal 10 Salmon 11 Carps 12 Baton 14 Israel 17 Dangerous 18 Recasting 22 Sea-dog 23 Unsay 24 Regal 26 Rupees 27 Larger 28 Ends 29 Mindless

Down: 1 Ripe 2 Spread 3 Deacon 5 Pampas 6 Tuneless 7 Lasso 9 Languages 10 Spiritual 13 Taped 15 Ruins 16 Preserve 18 Rasped 19 Cores 20 Inlaid 21 Gargle 25 Arts

### Cryptic Crossword

Across: 1 Resisted 4 Bier 8 Diadem 10 Cinema 11 Simon 12 Busts 14 Napalm 17 Emanation 18 Promising 22 Virtue 23 Total 24 Tried 26 Ranges 27 Dinner 28 Even 29 Deserted  
Down: 1 Rude 2 Statue 3 Siesta 5 Iceman 6 Rearming 7 Sinai 9 Misnomers 10 Contested 13 Smart 15 Point 16 Converse 18 Prince 19 Outer 20 Iodine 21 Garnet 25 Prod



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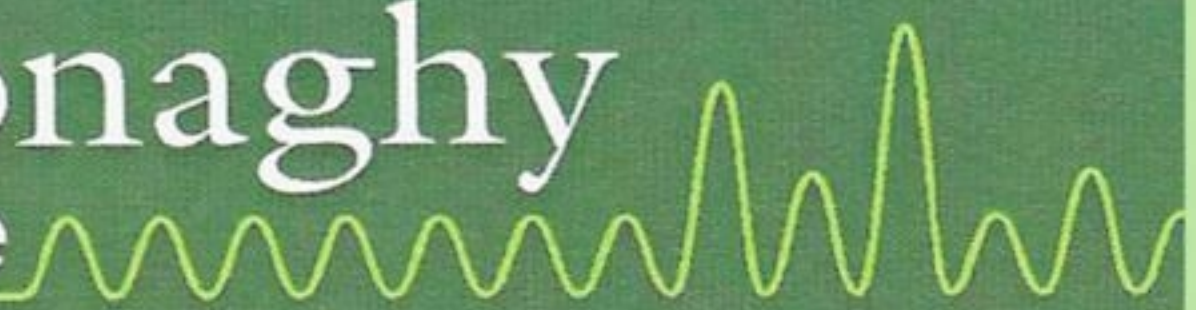
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## Dacia's Duster delivers knock-out value

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This SUV's distinctive looks have a functional robustness, from the bluff front and rear, straight flanks and flared wheel arches housing chunky mud and snow tyre shod wheels. Even before it's moved an inch, the Duster looks ready to 'off-road', and unlike many SUV/

REVIEW: Dacia Duster Ambiance dCi 110 2WD

By Philip Shoulder

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crossovers, it has the ground clearance to do just that.

Available in both two and four wheel drive form, the Duster uses proven Renault-Nissan Alliance technology, with 4x4 models featuring selectable three-mode, four-wheel drive as standard (2WD, Auto and Lock).

Two Renault group engines are offered: a 1.6-litre petrol and 1.5 dCi diesel. Tested here is the diesel motor, which in two-wheel drive guise returns an official combined 56.5 mpg and emits 130 g/km.

The 105 bhp diesel is a punchy performer, propelling the Duster along smartly, aided by the six-speed gearbox with well chosen ratios, which ensure good tractability at low speeds, decent in-gear acceleration, while also allowing for a relaxed 2,800rpm cruise at 75mph.

Admittedly there isn't the sharp dynamic focus that you'd find on a Nissan Qashqai, Mazda CX-5, or Hyundai ix35, but body control is still good enough through the corners. The Duster's greatest asset however is its exceptionally smooth and pliant ride,



which effectively irons out even rough road surfaces.

As you'd expect, given the price, the quality of the Duster's interior isn't up to that of more expensive rivals. Switchgear, especially the ventilation controls feels pretty cheap, but everything works and the overall feel of the cabin is actually quite acceptable.

There's also no denying the sheer

lack of equipment and features. On the cheapest Access version, even a stereo is an option. This £11,995 mid-spec Ambiance gets a CD/MP3 player with Bluetooth connectivity, which is intuitive and straightforward to operate. But if you want luxuries like air-conditioning and a trip-computer, you'll need the top-spec Lauréate - still far from expensive at £13,495 in 2WD guise.

### VERDICT:

The Dacia Duster is a welcome breath of fresh air. It offers a no-nonsense, 'does-what-it-says-on-the-tin' approach to motoring and for that it must be heartily applauded. Look past the slightly rough edges and you're left with a truly capable small SUV, that's worthy of consideration against considerably more expensive rivals.

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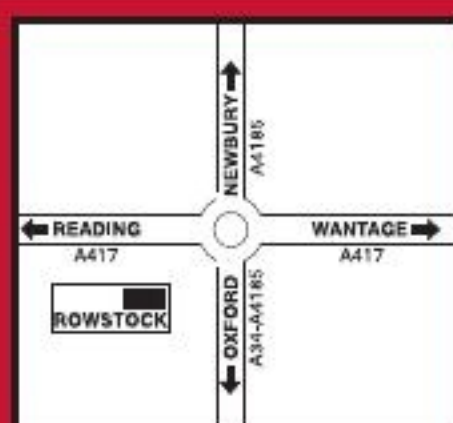
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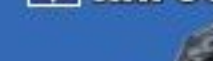
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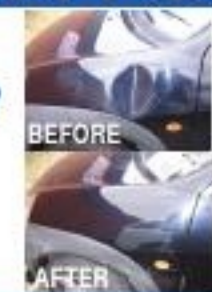
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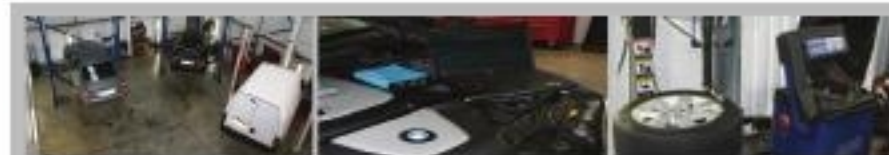
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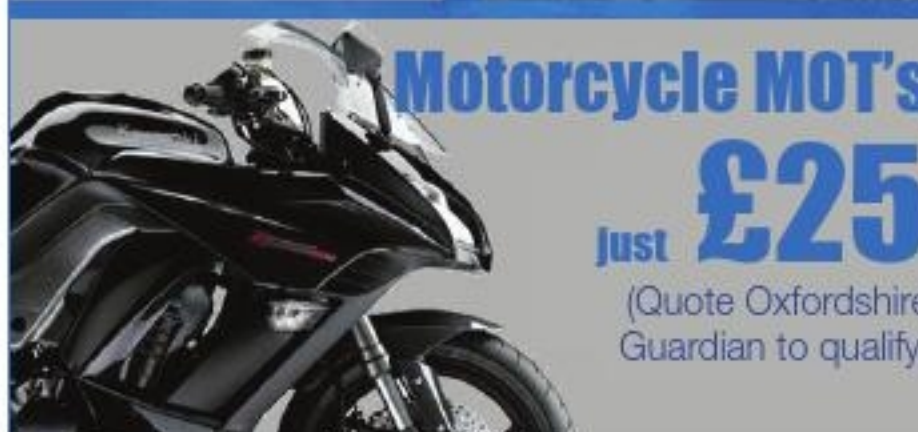
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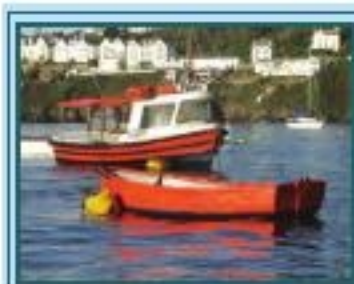
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The Dragons lost the first leg of the semi-final 38-31 at Headingley last Sunday.

However, Burnell is hoping home advantage will give Welsh the edge and is urging his players to be positive against Leeds and look to score early.

"It's disappointing to be seven points behind going into the game, but at the end of the day it's at home," he said.

"Hindsight is a wonderful thing, but if we can score first then it's back to nil-nil.

"That would be the ideal situation, get the first scores on the board and then play for the next 70 minutes."

He continued: "It's a home game. It's a bit irrelevant who you play.

"It's all to play for and we're going to go out with the view of winning the game.

"I think a good crowd, really getting behind us, could contrast seven points before we've even started."

By Jack Johnson

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Despite outscoring Leeds with three tries to two, eight penalties hurt Welsh on the scoreboard last week, including Alex Lozowski's three-pointer from the last kick of the game.

Burnell added: "It was very disappointing.

"They scored 24 points from the boot and wherever you play you can't just hand over 24 points, so that is an area we are very conscious of and we really have to tighten up on.

"We let them in for two easy tries, but our defence has been a massive plus for us all year.

"There was some good positives, we scored three tries in comparison to two, we just had a poor start, but it's all to play for now."

However, the Exiles do have concerns over the fitness of Alex Davies (knee) and Daniel Browne (hamstring), who were both forced off at Headingley.

Burnell said: "They could still be in contention. We're just waiting for the medical reports, so that's not completely dead and buried yet."

## Awcock ready for battle as Exiles welcome Leeds



ALAN Awcock says London Welsh will not hold anything back as they look to overturn a seven-point deficit in the second leg of their Greene King IPA Championship play-off against Leeds Carnegie.

The Exiles welcome Leeds to the Kassam Stadium this Sunday after last weekend's 38-31 defeat at Headingley.

A place in the final against either Rotherham Titans or Bristol is, according to Awcock, all the motivation that is needed.

"All the boys know that, we're well aware of it," he said, "and no one's hiding behind anything.

"Everyone wants to play in the final, that's where we want to be.

"We've got a good squad and there's no reason why we shouldn't be there, as long as we put in a performance on Sunday at the Kassam."

Awcock went over twice after replacing the injured Alex Davies and added: "I don't think we ever struggle to score tries, we like to get over the white-wash."

Kick-off on Sunday is at 12.45pm.

• Alan Awcock goes over at Headingley (Picture by Martin John)



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# Waddock gives duo a chance with new deals

## Rowers named in squad for championships

THE Oxfordshire trio of Frances Houghton, Olivia Carnegie-Brown and Katie Greves have been included in the GB Rowing Team squad travelling to Belgrade later this month for the European Championships.

Double Olympic silver medal winner Houghton will be competing in the women's double scull with team-mate Victoria Thornley.

Start graduate Carnegie-Brown, along with Greves, was named as part of nine rowers in the women's eight squad.

Following the selection of the squad, chief coach Jurgen Grobler said: "I am looking forward to seeing how all the rowers perform in Belgrade at what a new event for us in recent years."

"I am sure that the opposition will be strong and it will be a good test for us."

Sir David Tanner, GB Rowing Team's performance director, said: "The European Championships are now an important event in their own right, and we are ambitious to do well in Belgrade."

"We are excited to see how our winter's training translates into these first races before making decisions on the World Cups in June and July, and the World Championships in August."

## Women hope for better luck against County

OXFORD United Women will hope to pick up their first points this evening, as they host Notts County Ladies at Northcourt Road, Abingdon.

The women have lost their opening three fixtures, and were thrashed by Bristol Academy Women 9-2 in the Women's Super League Continental Cup at the start of the month.

And while manager Les Taylor expects Notts County to be of similar quality to Bristol, he is anticipating a much improved performance from his side.

"Our work's going to be cut out," he said. "We've done a lot of work on our shape after the Bristol game, so again I just hope that we're competitive."

"From the outset we're up against it and those games are going to be difficult, but they're a challenge."

"We like to go into the big games, hopefully to pull off a win so we'll give it a go."

Winger Katie Stanley will miss the match after picking up a back problem.



OXFORD United head coach Gary Waddock says Sam Long and Josh Shama "deserve their chance" after the two youngsters signed new deals at the club this week.

Long and Shama, both 19, agreed one-year deals on Tuesday, with the club retaining the option of a 12-month extension.

Defender Long made six first team appearances for United last season, while Shama starred in the development squad, playing in every game.

Shama, a former Reading

By Jack Johnson

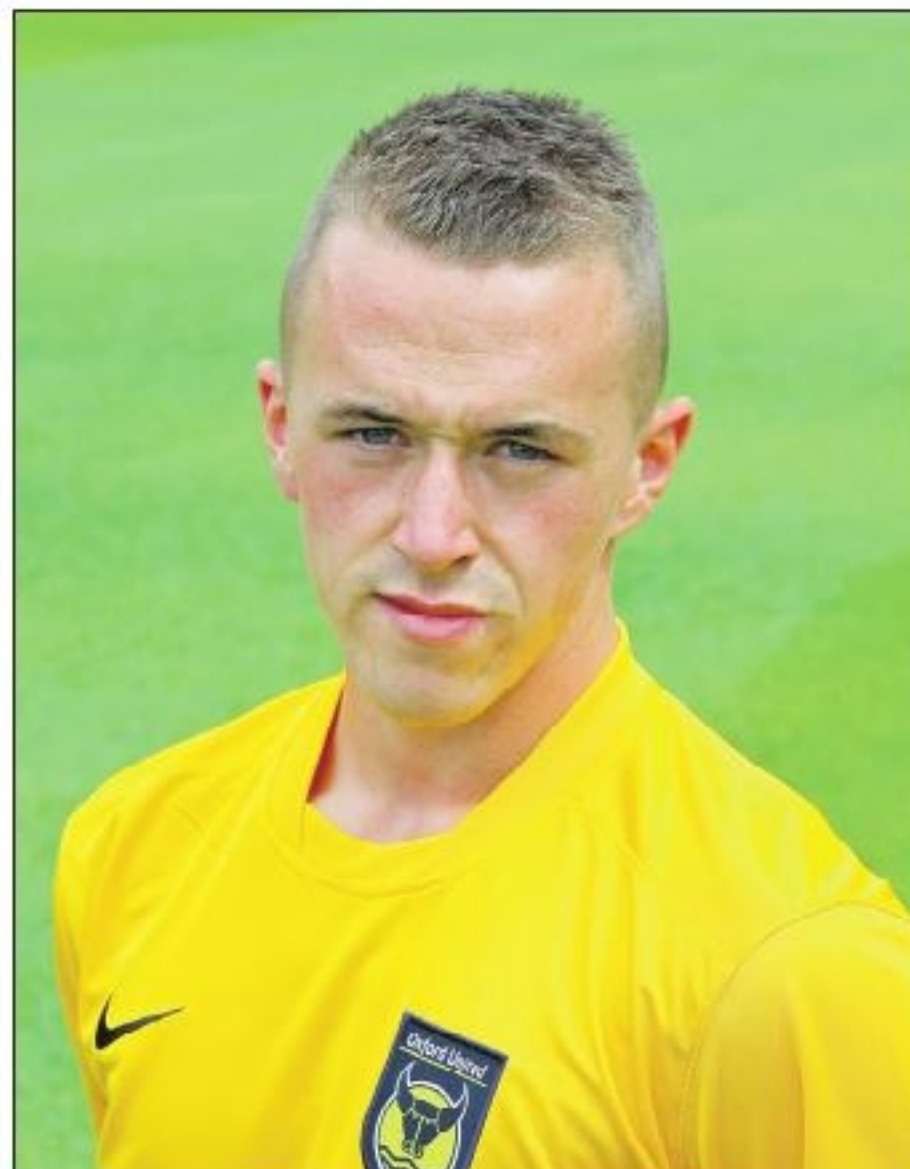
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trainee, suffered an injury in pre-season, but made the bench for United's final Sky Bet League 2 game of the season at Northampton Town.

Waddock said: "Both of them have done really well."

"Fans have seen Sam in the first team already and he has real potential as well as a fantastic attitude."

"Josh is a player who we have high hopes for because he has



quality on the ball and works so hard for the whole 90 minutes."

"They both deserve their chance to push on, keep working at their game and build on a highly promising first year as professionals with the club."

Waddock was also full of praise for the rest of the development squad with Josh Ashby, Sam Humphreys, James Roberts and Aidan Hawtin all signing deals.

They join Josh Ruffels, Calum O'Dowda, Tyrone Marsh and Max Crocombe who have all tasted first team football.

Waddock added: "It's exciting."

"Having young players come through is always going to be healthy for any club."

"They want to learn, they work hard at their game and have that enthusiasm that fans love to see."

"I am delighted that the younger players want to play a part in what we are building here."

As the Guardian went to print, the only players not to sign new deals were James Constable, Tom Newey and Matt Bevans.

## Sport Bites

### Friendlies

WANTAGE Town have announced their first friendlies for the 2014/15 season, set to take place this summer.

The Freds and their reserves will travel to Milton United on July 26, with the first team kicking off at 2pm and the reserves at 5.30pm.

They then make the trip to Northcourt Road to play Abingdon United on July 31, kicking off at 7.30pm.

### Stars looking for recruits

OXFORD City Stars are looking to recruit new players for their next ice hockey season, and are repeating last year's summer league to give candidates a chance to try out for the squad.

Sessions will take place on Wednesday nights, where players will be split into three teams who play two 25-minute running clock games each evening.

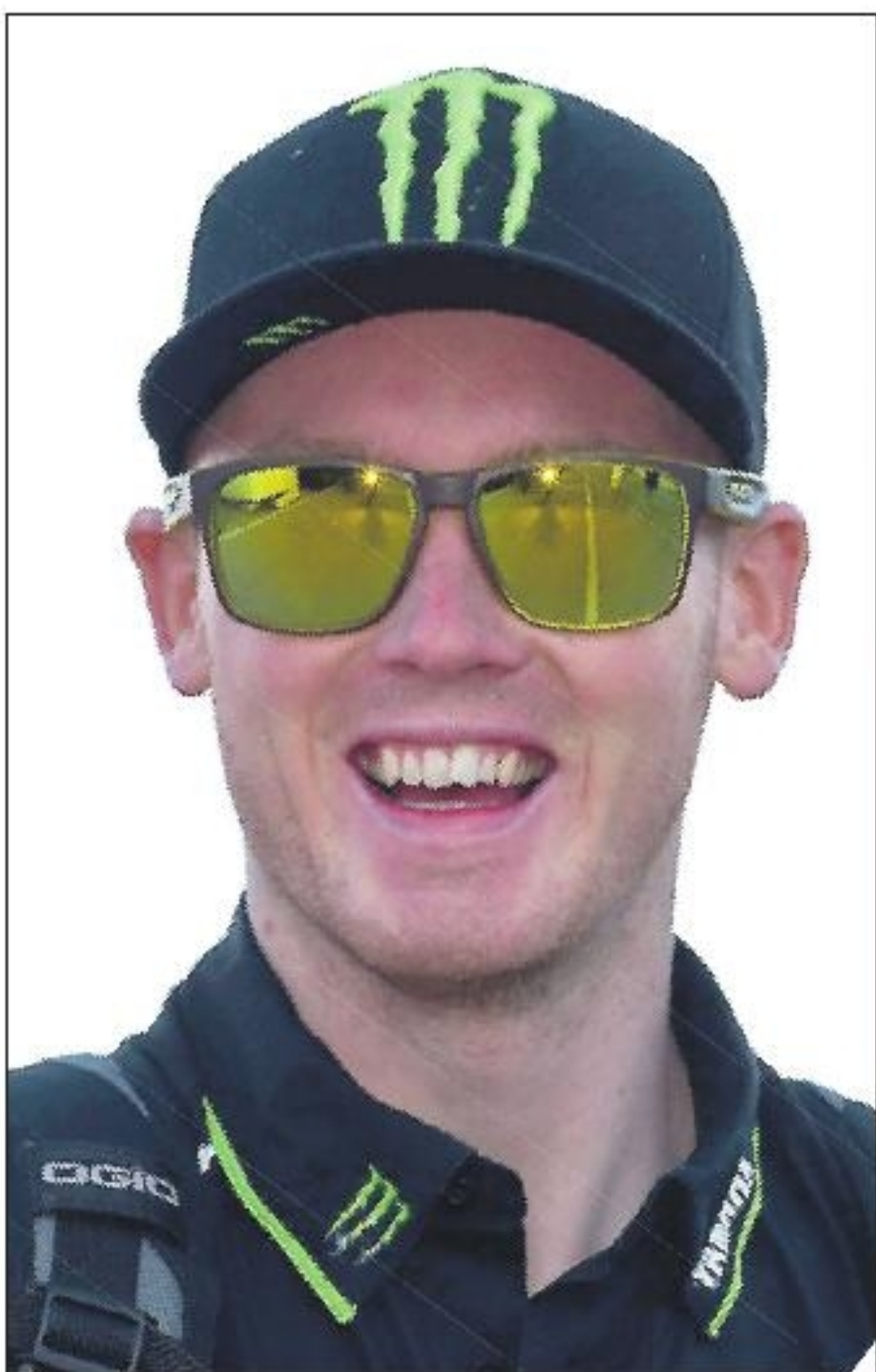
Anyone who is interested in signing for the Stars in the sessions, or would just like to play during the summer league, should email [trials@oxfordcitystars.com](mailto:trials@oxfordcitystars.com).

### Rugby league

OXFORD Rugby League return to action on Saturday, when they face South Wales Scorpions at home in the Championship 1.

The hosts have had a mixed start to the season, winning three and losing three of their opening six fixtures.

They are currently sixth in the league standings with nine points, 10 behind leaders Hunslet but eight ahead of this weekend's opponents Scorpions.



## 'Confident' Smith hopes for another good result in France

BRADLEY Smith is confident of a competitive showing at Le Mans this weekend as MotoGP heads to France for round five.

The Monster Yamaha Tech3 rider is eighth in the rider standings and is optimistic of a strong performance at his team's home grand prix.

"I am happy and confident that we will have a very competitive

bike for the Tech3 team's home race in Le Mans where I am sure we can score a positive result," he said.

"We had an important test at Jerez the day after the (last) grand prix and we collected a large amount of data with some changes working better than others, leaving us with a clear idea of where we can head towards

next in terms of setup direction."

World champion Marc Marquez leads the standings after winning all four races so far this year, with Honda Repsol team-mate Dani Pedrosa 28 points behind in second.

• Bradley Smith (Picture courtesy of Tech3)

## Dressage delight

HENLEY dressage rider Samantha Thurman-Baker enjoyed a successful outing to Buckinghamshire, posting strong results at the Addington Manor Premier League.

Samantha, 21, rode long-term partner Spring Pascal in the British Dressage Inter II test last Friday, winning the class after posting a score 69.512 per cent.

She then went on to contest

Saturday's FEI Grand Prix with the same horse, going up against a field of 28 other riders.

A score of 71.367 per cent saw Samantha finish second behind Michael Eilberg, with the pair being the only two riders to post scores above 70 per cent.

Samantha also competed on her sister's horse Highcliffe Apollo in Friday's Inter I competition, finishing 10th in a com-

petitive class.

And it got better for Samantha, who won the FE Young Rider Team test after accumulating a score of 68.355 per cent.

Samantha receives lottery funding from UK sport and is helped by the World Class Development Programme, which works with riders competing in dressage, eventing, showjumping and para-equestrian dressage.



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# Williams driver equals best result with fifth in Spain

## BIG POINTS FOR BOTTAS



• Valtteri Bottas finished fifth in Spain (Picture courtesy of Williams Martini Racing)

VALTTERI Bottas equalled Williams Martini Racing's best result of the season at Sunday's Spanish Grand Prix, as the Finn ended the race in fifth.

Bottas started fourth and soon moved into third after overtaking Red Bull's Daniel Ricciardo on the first lap, where he remained until his first pit stop.

He dropped back to fourth, but with four laps to go a charging Sebastian Vettel was able to get past the Finn, meaning he left the Barcelona circuit with 10 points.

By Adam Flinn

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"Today we did our best," said Bottas. "The strategy was correct and the team did really well in the pitstops."

"I made no mistake on the track so we made the maximum of what was on offer and got some good points from it. It's pleasing to be in the points and it equals my best ever result."

"It was a shame Vettel was so quick

at the end. I tried to defend, but he had fresher tyres."

"The atmosphere in the team is fantastic, we are all pushing forward and points feed that hunger."

Meanwhile, Felipe Massa struggled with tyre degradation throughout the race, and could only finish outside the points in 13th.

Massa had been the quicker of the two Williams cars until the third session of qualifying, but a mistake on his final lap meant he started only ninth.

Starting further back meant his tyres degraded faster as he fought with other cars, and he ultimately dropped down the order.

"I made a good start and could have made more positions, but Ricciardo was in front so I couldn't do anything," said Massa.

"The three-stop strategy would have worked had the first stint been clean, but I had cars in front which damaged my tyres a lot."

"This meant that rather than pull-

ing away from them and having clean track, when they pitted they had the advantage."

"This happened again at the start of the second stint, so things just didn't go my way."

Bottas stays seventh in the standings with 34 points, while Massa has dropped to 12th with 12 points. In the constructors' championship, Williams jumped above McLaren into fifth spot.

The next race takes place in Monaco on May 25.

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